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SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT AND BOOK PIRACY

REFS: A) GROSSMAN LETTER TO ALBERT OF MAY 2, 1975 WITH

ENCLOSURE

B) SEOUL A-95 OF APRIL 17, 1974

1) DEPARTMENT (EB/CSB/BP - EA/K) AND COPYRIGHT OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MET ON JUNE 4 WITH LEO ALBERT, PRENTICE-HALL INTERNATIONAL, AND CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS, TO REVIEW COPYRIGHT SITUATION IN KOREA.

2) ALBERT EXPRESSED CONCERN OF U.S. PUBLISHING INDUSTRY THAT KWANG MOON BOOK COMPANY IS BEING ALLOWED BY ROKG TO REPRINT WITHOUT AMERICAN AUTHORIZATION AND IN ADVERTISING LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. TITLES FOR SALE (ENCLOSURE TO REF A). HOWEVER, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT KWANG MOON HAS REGIS-
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TERED TITLES WITH MINISTRY OF CULTURE AS REQUIRED BY

KOREAN LAW NO. 2393, PROMULGATED DECEMBER 26, 1972. ALSO, SINCE KWANG MOON NOT MEMBER KOREAN PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT NOT AWARE OF ANY DIRECT LEGAL ACTION AVAILABLE TO U.S. PUBLISHERS AGAINST FIRM. ALBERT SAID THAT KWANG MOON CATALOG DOES NOT LIST ANY U.S. TITLES AUTHORIZED FOR

REPRODUCTION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT WITH KIM YUNG KWON, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CULTURE, DESCRIBED REFTEL B.

3) DEPARTMENT (EB/CSB/BP) WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS KOREAN COPYRIGHT SITUATION WITH ANDREW GROSSMAN DURING CONSULTATION AT DEPARTMENT THIS SUMMER.

4) ALBERT PLANS TO VISIT SEOUL IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER THIS YEAR DURING TRIP TO FAR EAST (MANILA AND TAIPEI). DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT BEST WAY HANDLE PROBLEM MAY BE ON PERSONAL BASIS WITH KIM UYNG KWON.

5) ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON ANY POSSIBLE ACTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED REPRODUCTION OF U.S. TITLES BY KWANG MOON. KISSINGER

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